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State of Utah

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
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INSPECTION REPORT

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Partial: XXX Complete: Exploration:

Inspection Date & Time: 5/9/2000 / 7:30a.m.-3:40p.m.

Date of Last Inspection: 4/5/2000

Mine Name: SUFCO Mine County: Sevier Permit Number: ACT/041/002

Permittee and/or Operator's Name: Canyon Fuel Company

Business Address: 397 South 800 West, Salina, Utah 84564

Type of Mining Activity: Underground XXX Surface Prep. Plant Other

Company Official(s): Wes Sorensen, Mike Davis

State Officials(s): Peter Hess, Mary Ann Wright Federal Official(s): None

Weather Conditions: Warm, 70's, Partly Cloudy

Existing Acreage: Permitted-17621.29 Disturbed-70.189 Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-70.189

Increased/Decreased: Permitted- Disturbed- Regraded- Seeded- Bonded-

Status: Exploration/ XXX Active/ Inactive/ Temporary Cessation/ Bond Forfeiture

Reclamation (Phase I/ Phase II/ Final Bond Release/ Liability Year)

REVIEW OF PERMIT, PERFORMANCE STANDARDS & PERMIT CONDITION REQUIREMENTS

Instructions

- Substantiate the elements on this inspection by checking the appropriate performance standard.
 - For complete inspections provide narrative justification for any elements not fully inspected unless element is not appropriate to the site, in which case check N/A.
 - For partial inspections check only the elements evaluated.
- Document any noncompliance situation by referencing the NOV issued at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Reference any narratives written in conjunction with this inspection at the appropriate performance standard listed below.
- Provide a brief status report for all pending enforcement actions, permit conditions, Division Orders, and amendments.

| | EVALUATED | N/A | COMMENTS | NOV/ENF |
|---|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 2. SIGNS AND MARKERS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 3. TOPSOIL | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 4. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: | | | | |
| a. DIVERSIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. SEDIMENT PONDS AND IMPOUNDMENTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| c. OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| d. WATER MONITORING | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| e. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 5. EXPLOSIVES | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 6. DISPOSAL OF EXCESS SPOIL/FILLS/BENCHES | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 8. NONCOAL WASTE | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 9. PROTECTION OF FISH, WILDLIFE AND RELATED ENVIRONMENTAL VALUES | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 10. SLIDES AND OTHER DAMAGE | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 11. CONTEMPORANEOUS RECLAMATION | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 12. BACKFILLING AND GRADING | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 13. REVEGETATION | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 14. SUBSIDENCE CONTROL | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 15. CESSATION OF OPERATIONS | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 16. ROADS: | | | | |
| a. CONSTRUCTION/MAINTENANCE/SURFACING | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| b. DRAINAGE CONTROLS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 17. OTHER TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 19. AVS CHECK (4th Quarter-April, May, June) <u> </u> (date) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 20. AIR QUALITY PERMIT | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| 21. BONDING & INSURANCE | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

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Note: Ms. Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, UDNR/OGM attended today's partial inspection of the SUFCO Mine surface facilities area. No notices of violation were issued as a result of today's inspection. The Mine site received .81 inches of rain during the previous 27 hour period.

1. PERMITS, CHANGE, TRANSFER, RENEWAL, SALE

Prior to convening the field inspection, Mr. Wes Sorensen, Manager of Tech Services and Mr. Mike Davis discussed a problem which had arisen with the 160 acre IBC (ACT/041/002-IBC99C) which has been approved under a "right of way" procedure to allow development mining in that area.

In order to avoid an archaeological site (a rock shelter) the permittee is proposing to alter the directional bearing upon which the three entry Pines Bleeder section will be developed. This will cause the #3 entry (extreme right hand entry) to intercept and cross the approved IBC boundary at crosscut 26. The entry projection develops a wedge approximately three thousand feet long and tapers from a zero width to a maximum eighty foot width. This equates to 2.75 additional acres.

In order to avoid shutting down the development of these bleeders, the permittee needs one of two approvals:

- 1) a DOI finalized approval for the Pines Tract by August 7, 2000, or
- 2) an approved contingency plan which would allow them to cross the original IBC boundary and develop the additional 2.75 acres. This involves a rapid interagency analysis and approval.

4c. HYDROLOGIC BALANCE: OTHER SEDIMENT CONTROL MEASURES

The silt fences located on the ESE side of the main substation were inspected. The amount of grasses present upslope of one of the fences is adequate to allow the removal of that fence. Mr. Davis noted this; it was decided that other fences in this same general area should remain.

A fence directly in front of the main substation's steel bin wall has thinning fabric; same should be replaced to return that fence to full function.

The silt fence on the west side of the steel bin wall has been repaired.

7. COAL MINE WASTE/REFUSE PILES/IMPOUNDMENTS

As noted today, previous end-dumped piles located on the active lift have been leveled and cleaned of noncoal waste materials. The SUFCO site is one which will be evaluated in the near future for reclamation success by the UDNR/OGM//OSM evaluation team.

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18. SUPPORT FACILITIES/UTILITY INSTALLATIONS

As noted during today's inspection, the construction work for the new Link Canyon substation facility was about 98% complete. Disturbed area perimeter markers were in place as was the permittee identification sign. A chain link fence with gates was in place to prohibit unauthorized access. Utah Power and Light inspectors were on site to evaluate the job; the permittee is hoping to energize the substation this week.

The reclamation of the original site is postponed until adequate clearances for the raptor nesting periods are obtained.

Note: This inspection report does not constitute an affidavit of compliance with the regulatory program of the Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining.

Copy of this Report:

Mailed to: Mike Davis (Canyon Fuel)

Henry Austin (OSM)

Given to: Pam Grubaugh-Littig (DOGM)

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Date: May 11, 2000

Inspector's Signature: _____

Peter Hess

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